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**AVIATION**

Trans-Pacific Service to New Zealand.

Ref: 15/ and 33/ - No copy of cable of 13/10/37 from Rear Admiral Candy, Ships at New Zealand Station - Welcomes visit to New Zealand and assumes that New Zealand authorities will take opportunity of arranging inspection of mail facilities at Suva. That investigation may be as comprehensive as possible.

**MINUTES**

It appears from the record on 36/24/37 that when H.M.S. Wellington visited Canton Is in connection with the U.S. Navy's Allied Cabinets Exhibition 1937, it found the U.S. Non-Marine Awards there on a similar mission, and reported that the U.S. Force did not admit our claim to that island (among others).

The U.S. are inviting the attention of the U.S. to the fact that the Phoenix Islands forms part of the S.E. Pacific. Meanwhile the High Council for the U.S. Pacific Symposium MTS. Riellesoto to investigate the position with the R.A.C. NZ, RN, has reported that he will visit the Phoenix Islands in August when H.M.S. Riellesoto is on passage from Honolulu to Suva (see 20 on 36/27 4/37).

We have no means of knowing whether the R.A.C. will be accompanied by another
Complaint to advise whether Suva is suitable for one as an air base; but as the N.C.O.F. is in direct communication with the R.A.F. it would not seem that we can do anything useful at this stage.

R.E.Bak
29-6-37

The AM has still not answered the question asked in 15/1, and it is not clear what basis there is for the assumptions made in pages 2-3 of the letter.

Clearly the AM would welcome an investigation of the native proposals by the Govt, but they are apparently unwilling to take any steps to assist.

I should be disposed to reply to 15/1 by expressing that AM would welcome investigation of landing facilities at Suva and suggest that Govt should consider whether such an investigation could be undertaken during forthcoming visit of H.M.S. Achilles.

Add that in order that investigation may be a comprehensive successful the Govt will moreover consider desirability of consulting Wing Commanders...
Cochrane as to exact nature of reformation required.

It may be well to inquire the consequences in the terms of the bill.

Adj Reg r
30/76

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17/37

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